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THE LAW OF COLLATERAL ATTACK ON JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS. By John M. Vanfleet, Judge of the Thirty-fourth Judicial Circuit of Indiana. Chicago: Callaghan & Co. 1892. pp. xciv and 1016.

This book is the first attempt to collect, compare, and reduce to order the enormous number of cases which involve more or less directly questions of collateral attack on judicial proceedings. It represents an immense amount of labor; Judge Vanfleet tells us that he has worked at his subject six hours a day for seven years, taking no vacations. A glance at his book certainly bears out this assertion. Principles are first discussed; then myriads of cases are cited and abstracted, under appropriate titles, arranged, as far as possible, in alphabetical order. As the first work in a new and stony field, this book can hardly fail to be of great value.

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DEATH BY WRONGFUL ACT. By Francis B. Tiffany. St. Paul, Minn.: West Publishing Co. 1893. pp. xlv, 396.

"The purpose of this book," says Mr. Tiffany, "is to treat of those questions of law which are peculiar to the various civil actions maintainable where the death of a person has been caused by the wrongful act or negligence of another." In view of the statutes which have everywhere followed Lord Campbell's Act, giving a remedy for death caused by negligence, such a book should arouse interest. Most readers will learn with surprise (page 5) that in 1648, nearly two hundred years before this Act, there was a statute in Massachusetts whereby a town must pay an hundred pounds to the representatives of a person killed by any defect in ways or bridges, if previous notice had been given to a selectman of the town. The opening chapter of the volume, the author (who graduated from Harvard Law School in 1880) devotes to remedies at common law in cases of death by wrongful act. He then passes to his main work,—a discussion of the construction of the statutes, principally under the heads, "The Wrongful Act," "The Beneficiaries," "Parties," "Statutes of Limitation," "Matters of Defence," and "Damages." An appendix contains the statutes themselves; and there is an analytic table, where the leading provisions of the different enactments are condensed in convenient form for comparison and reference. The book, carefully prepared, and upon a subject never separately treated before, should be valuable to the profession.

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